

*DRIVER LICENSES*CHAPTER 600
GENERAL INFORMATION

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761—600.1(321) Definitions. The definitions in Iowa Code section 321.1 and the following definitions apply to the rules in 761—Chapters 600 to 699.

“*Director of the office of driver services*” includes the office director’s designee.

“*License*” means any license, permit, privilege or a nonresident’s privilege to operate a motor vehicle on Iowa highways unless the context requires otherwise.

“*Medical report*” means a report from a physician attesting to a person’s physical or mental capability to operate a motor vehicle safely. The report should be submitted on Form 430031, “Medical Report.” In lieu of Form 430031, a report signed by a physician on the physician’s letterhead may be accepted if it contains all the information specified on Form 430031.

“*Physician*” means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.1.

761—600.2(17A) Information and location. Applications, forms and information concerning motor vehicle licensing are available at any driver’s license examination station. Assistance is also available by mail from: Office of Driver Services, Iowa Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 9204, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9204, or in person at its location in Park Fair Mall, 100 Euclid Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50313; telephone 1-800-532-1121.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 17A.3.

761—600.3(321) Persons exempt.

600.3(1) Persons listed in Iowa Code section 321.176 are exempt from motor vehicle licensing requirements.

600.3(2) “Nearby” in Iowa Code subsection 321.176(2) shall mean a distance of not more than two miles.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.176.

761—600.4(321) Persons not to be licensed.

600.4(1) The department shall not knowingly issue a license to any person who is ineligible for licensing.

600.4(2) The department shall not knowingly license any person who is unable to operate a motor vehicle safely because of physical or mental disability until that person has submitted a medical report stating that the person is physically and mentally capable of operating a vehicle safely.

600.4(3) The department shall not knowingly license any person who has been specifically adjudged incompetent, pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 229, on or after January 1, 1976, including anyone admitted to a mental health facility prior to that date and not released until after, until it receives specific adjudication that the person is competent. A medical report stating that the person is physically qualified to operate a motor vehicle safely shall also be required.

600.4(4) The department shall not knowingly license any person who suffers from syncope of any cause, any type of periodic or episodic loss of consciousness, or any paroxysmal disturbances of consciousness, including but not limited to epilepsy, until that person has remained free of episodes of loss of consciousness or loss of voluntary control for six months, and then only upon receipt of a medical report favorable toward licensing. If a medical report indicates a pattern of only syncope or nocturnal loss of consciousness, the department may license without a six-month episode-free period after favorable recommendation by the medical advisory board.

600.4(5) The department shall not license any person who must wear bioptic telescopic lenses to meet the visual acuity standard required for a license.

600.4(6) When a medical report is required, a license shall be issued only if the report indicates that the person is qualified to operate a motor vehicle safely. The department may submit the report to the medical advisory board for an additional opinion.

600.4(7) When the department receives evidence that an Iowa licensed driver has been adjudged incompetent or is not physically or mentally qualified to operate a motor vehicle safely, the department shall suspend the license for incapability, as explained in rule 761—615.14(321), or shall deny further licensing, as explained in rule 761—615.4(321).

600.4(8) The department shall not knowingly issue a license to a person who is the named individual on a certificate of noncompliance that has been received from the child support recovery unit, until the department receives a withdrawal of the certificate of noncompliance or unless an application has been filed pursuant to Iowa Code section 252J.9.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 321A, 321C, and 321J and sections 252J.8, 252J.9, 321.13, 321.177, 321.210, 321.212, 321.218, and 321.560.

761—600.5 Rescinded, effective 3/16/88.

761—600.6(321) Duplicate licenses. Rescinded IAB 1/8/92, effective 2/12/92.

761—600.7(321) Restricted licenses. Rescinded IAB 6/27/90, effective 7/1/90.

761—600.8(321) License reinstatement or reissue. Rescinded IAB 1/8/92, effective 2/12/92.

761—600.9(321) License extension. Rescinded IAB 1/8/92, effective 2/12/92.

761—600.10(321) License renewal. Rescinded IAB 1/8/92, effective 2/12/92.

761—600.11(321) License application and issuance. Rescinded IAB 6/27/90, effective 7/1/90.

761—600.12(321) Commercial or private motor vehicle courses. The department shall license private or commercial motorcycle courses, motorized bicycle courses, and driver education courses as follows:

600.12(1) Application. To be licensed as an approved motorcycle course, motorized bicycle education course, or driver education course, documentation shall be furnished to the department that the instructor(s) and course have received written approval from the Iowa department of education.

600.12(2) *Issuance.* A license shall be issued for a calendar year or remainder of a calendar year for a \$25 fee. Payment shall be made by cash, money order or certified check. A money order or check shall be for the exact amount and shall be made payable to the Treasurer, State of Iowa. The license shall expire on December 31, but shall remain valid for an additional 30 days.

600.12(3) *Renewal.* A license shall be renewed within 30 days of the expiration date. To renew, documentation shall be furnished to the department that the instructor(s) and course maintain written approval from the Iowa department of education.

600.12(4) *Cancellation.* A license shall be canceled upon receipt of documentation that the course or instructor(s) is no longer approved by the Iowa department of education. No new license shall be issued until documentation is received that the course and instructor(s) have received written approval from the department of education and the \$25 license fee has been paid.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.178 and 321.189.

761—600.13(321) *Suspension of license.* Rescinded IAB 1/8/92, effective 2/12/92.

761—600.14 Rescinded, effective 1/26/83.

761—600.15 Rescinded, effective 3/16/88.

761—600.16(321) *Seat belt exemptions.*

600.16(1) A person who is unable to wear a safety belt or safety harness for physical or medical reasons may obtain a form to be signed by the person's health care provider licensed under Iowa Code chapter 148, 150, 150A or 151. Form No. 432017, "Iowa Medical Safety Belt Exemption," is available from the office of driver services at the address in rule 600.2(17A).

600.16(2) Iowa Code section 321.445, subsections 1 and 2, shall not apply to the front seats and front seat passengers of motor vehicles owned, leased, rented or primarily used by a person with a physical disability who uses a collapsible wheelchair.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.445.

761—600.17 Rescinded, effective 7/8/87.

761—600.18 Rescinded, effective 1/26/83.

761—600.19(321) *Driver improvement interview.* Rescinded IAB 1/8/92, effective 2/12/92.

761—600.20(321) *Hearing and appeal process.* Rescinded IAB 1/8/92, effective 2/12/92.

761—600.21(321) *Service of denial, cancellation, suspension or revocation notice.* Rescinded IAB 1/8/92, effective 2/12/92.

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